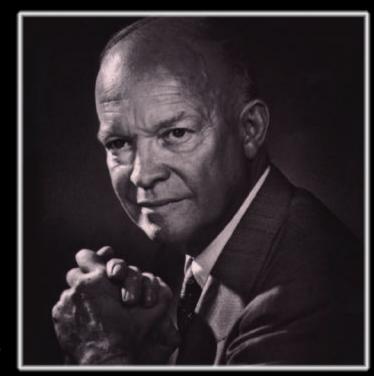
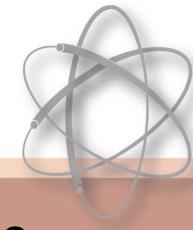


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"...to serve the needs rather than the fears of mankind."





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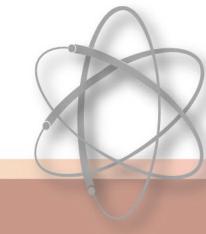
# The New Challenges & Opportunities

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#### **CGSR Process**

- Where is nuclear technology headed?
- Seek clarity, not consensus
- 3 Workshops
  - 200+ participants
  - Defense, Deterrence and Nonproliferation
  - Civilian Applications
  - Cross-Cutting Issues
    - Materials/Facilities; Governance; Public Confidence
- Conference
- Report (Rolling Text)





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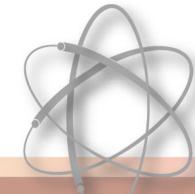
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#### Nuclear technology future not obvious



#### An abundance of forces



- <u>Terrorism</u>
  - Threats increased
  - Response problematic
- Int'l security architecture
- ACWs
- Timely and consensual NPT enforcement
- Security of Materials
- Interest in troubled regions
- Growing stocks of civilian N materials
- Lack of confidence in NP regime

- Cost of N Power
- Interest in N power in developing world
- Hostility toward N Power
- Climate change
- Growing enthusiasm for N medicine, agriculture, etc.
- Complex regulatory requirements
- Lack of understanding of the risks/benefits and their calculations and methods

#### **Catalytic Events**

- Use of a WMD or RDD somewhere
- Situations that compel the development of special-purpose nuclear weapons requiring nuclear testing
- Use of nuclear weapons in a regional conflict (S. Asia)
- The evolution of global terrorism & conflict in the M. East
- Breakout and nuclear-weapon programs in latent countries (Taiwan and Japan).
- A major nuclear accident on the scale of Chernobyl.
- A major loss of nuclear material or materiel.
- The loss of a nuclear submarine with a major release of radioactivity.
- Dramatic breakthrough in alternative sources of energy
- Dramatic and adverse changes in the climate.

### No consensus on details but some consistent threads

- Goal is still security while maximizing civilian opportunities, the same as Eisenhower's
- Interrelated themes widely shared
  - Fundamentals of international security
  - Nonproliferation effectiveness and enforcement
  - Materials and facilities
  - Civilian opportunities
  - U.S. policy and technical leadership
- Involve complex technology and policy interrelationships and lead to recommendations

### **Address International Security**

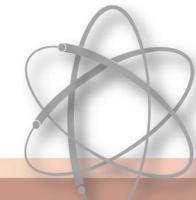
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#### International Security

- Address foundations of international order, architecture of security institutions, sources of conflict, reactions to emerging threats
  - Improve our understanding of what actually "assures, dissuades, deters, defends, defeats" adversaries, including non-state actors
- Seek alternatives to nuclear weapons where possible / transform the stockpile to meet future needs
- Strengthen global and regional security networks
  - Provide enhanced security and more effective sharing of the benefits of nuclear technology for nations that forgo WMD
  - Different views of "supply" side versus "demand" side

Concern about will of nations and/or UNSC

#### Nonproliferation Regime



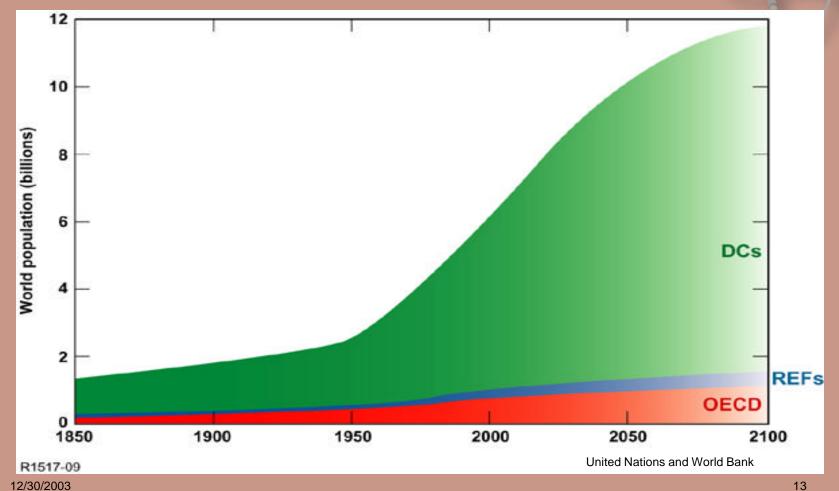
- Strengthen NPT fissile material regime
  - Wider adherence to Additional Protocols on inspections
  - "Smarter" export controls & only to states adhering
- Reliable enforcement the key to success
- Key NPT parties\* better define obligations and privileges under NPT including:
  - Indicators of potential violations
  - Steps to be taken if indicators appear
  - UNSC enforce current commitments
    - Clarify that states cannot escape obligations by invoking withdrawal clause "after the fact"

<sup>\*</sup> Including Nuclear Suppliers Group

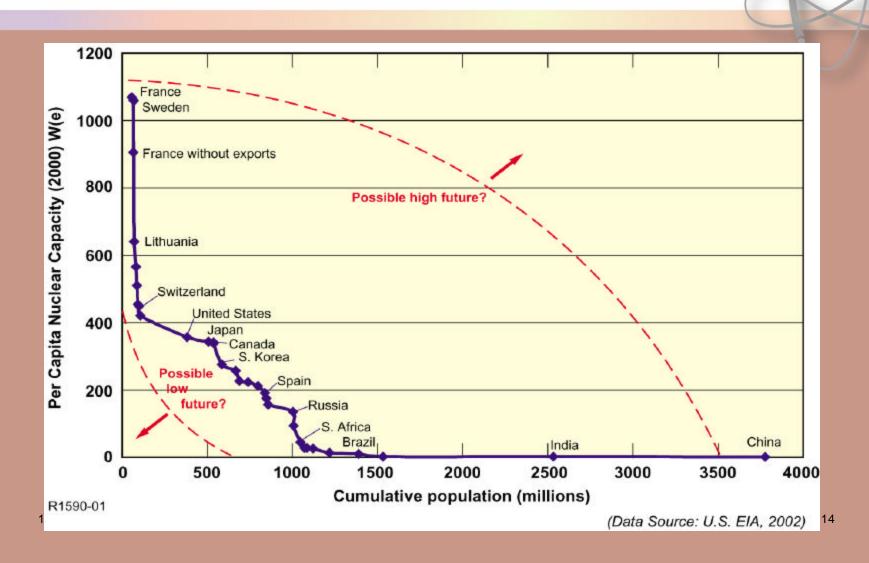
#### **Materials and Facilities**

- Control and Security of Weapon Usable Material
  - First secure what's there
  - Then minimize the amount accessible
  - Particular concern over acquisition by terrorists
    - Strengthen worldwide MPC&A
      - Define and implement "best practices" of security & MPC&A
    - Especially for existing facilities that contain excess weapons material
    - Enhanced NTM intelligence gathering and sharing
    - Adopt and strengthen the Convention on Physical Protection
  - Accelerate the removal of HEU from civilian facilities
  - Expand IAEA role beyond monitoring declared materials to oversee management and control of civilian materials & facilities
    - Use latest 21st C. technologies\* for safeguarding
      - requiring \$\$\$ & may involve difficult, time-consuming restructure





#### N. Power/cap vs. Population



#### **Civilian Opportunities**

- Better understanding of wide implications of technology options
  - Assess civilian opportunities in terms of <u>comprehensive</u> benefits & risks
    - Power, medicine, agriculture, industry, research, defense vs. security, safety, environmental risks
    - Goal a shared understanding with all interested parties
- Define an international nuclear fuel-cycle program to meet user needs (cost, safety, etc.) and minimize the amount of weapons usable material
- More and better dialogue with public assure that safety and security have weight in decisions





- The importance U.S. leadership mentioned by all
- Communicate a bold comprehensive vision to include security, civilian opportunities, RD&D, risks and benefits
  - Vision speech such as Ike's
  - Senior official with sustained role to report on implementation of initiatives

#### Summary

- Nuclear technology is mature and widespread, with benefits from defense & energy to medicine, industry, agriculture, space, research, et al.
  - but also risks (security & safety)
  - risks reasonable and manageable
- Technological advances and diffusion will occur
- Marketplace will determine extent of civilian applications
- Governments will determine applications for defense and implement any security regime
- Benefits from both require urgent and continuing attention to security

#### Eisenhower's Plan

- 1. "Encourage world-wide investigation into the most effective peacetime uses of fissionable material"
- 2. "Begin to diminish the ... destructive power of the world's atomic stockpiles"
- 3. "See that the great powers ...are interested in human aspirations first rather than in building the armaments of war"
- 4. "Open up a new channel for peaceful discussion"

Same plan today -

Maximize Security while Ensuring that Civilian Opportunities are Available